A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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WE are now come to a time of Diviſion, and of Subdiviſion, to a moſt extravagant Exceſs, profeſs'd *Jacobites*, *High Flyers* or maſk'd *Jacobites*, *Tories* or *High Church Men*, *Low Church Men*, or *Whigs* and *Diſſenters*.

Of all theſe unhappy kinds, *the High Flyer*, who I call the *Swearing Jacobite*, is the moſt unaccountable; all the other kinds may have ſomething ſaid for them, ſome excuſe made, ſome ſhew of their Original, and ſomething gueſs'd at of their End—— The Deſign of a *Papiſt* is *Popery*, the Deſign of a *Jacobite* is the *Pretender*; theſe Things are evident, and carry their Demonſtration with them; the People Honeſtly expreſs them, their Practice goes Hand in Hand with their Pretenſion, and very Honeſt People they may be, of their ſeveral kinds—— The Deſign of a *Diſſenter*, is *Tolleration*; the Deſign of a *Whig*, is Liberty and Revolution, and this they own —— As for the loud Clamours of each of theſe one againſt another, they are not ſo much concern'd in this Paper, nor to the preſent purpoſe; 'tis enough that they pretend to what they are, and own what they aim at—— But a High Flyer, be is a Man whoſe Character is neither to be found in his Pretenſions, or in his Practice; you can gather no Definition of him, either from what he is, or from what he ſeems.

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He appears for the Queen, he Acts on a Revolution Scheme, Moves in a Sphere of Liberty; he proteſts his Duty to the preſent Government, and his Zeal for the Conſtitution —— But his Actions have all a ſecret Retroſpect to the direct contraries of all his Pretences; he moves entirely in a *Jacobite* Sphere, he prays for the Queen, but wiſhes for the Return of her Mortal Enemy; he holds up his Hand for the Conſtitution, but whiſpers his Deſire of its Deſtruction; his End and Deſign is compleatly oppoſite to his Pretences —— What then ſhall we ſay to theſe People, and to what ſhall we liken this Generation? —— I think the Scripture gives us the exact Character of them, and a due Caution againſt them, for there were *High Flyers* in Old time as well as now.

There were in *Jeruſalem* a Party of Dividers, whoſe Buſineſs it was to delude the People, and draw them off from the Worſhip of the true God, by cauſing them to forſake the Inſtruction of their Teachers, and leading them away after a Set of Men, who pretended to teach them a Doctrine, new and differing from what they had learn'd; and under pretence of extraordinary Zeal for the Temple, prompted the People to follow them as Oracles of their Law, while at the ſame time, they went on in Oppreſſion and Violence, perverting Judgment, and ſhedding Innocent Blood, that is, in all manner of Vice and Extravagancies; now what ſays the Text?

Truſt ye not in Lying Words, ſaying, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, ARE THESE, Jerem. 7. 4.

Pardon me, Gentlemen of the High Church, for an Expoſition of this Text, that looks you ſo directly in the Face, that I cannot paſs it over, without a ſhort Application of it to you. ——

The Words, *if the Original is conſulted*, ſignifie only an Expreſſion of the Superlative Degree, ſignifying, that thoſe were People that had a Superlative Zeal for the Rites and Ceremonies of the Moſaical Inſtitution, and placed the Shadow and Subſtance of their Religion, upon their Ceremonious cleaving to the outward part of the Performance; ſignify'd by the Temple of the Lord; that Phraſe being uſed there figuratively, putting the Place of Worſhip, for the Worſhip itſelf, as is often uſed in like Caſes in Scripture —— And thus the *Temple of the Lord*, the *Temple of the Lord*, the *Temple of the Lord*, are theſe, were no other Words more or leſs but an Eccleſiaſtick Mob, crying *High Church, High Church. High Church* we are, and Huzza for *High Church* —— But what ſays the Word of the Lord? —— See the juſt Reproof that follows.

Truſt ye not in Lying Words! Mark the Antitheſis, But *amend your Ways, and your doings* —— *and* then *I will cauſe you to dwell in this Place*, that is, *in my Temple*; and What amendment was it God requir'd of them? Truly an Amendment that plainly ſignify'd their Crime, *v.* 5, 6. *If ye thoroughly amend your Ways, and your Doings, and if you thoroughly Execute Judgment between a Man and his Neighbour; if ye Oppreſs not the Stranger, the Fatherleſs, nor the Widow, and ſhed not Innocent Blood in this Place, neither walk after other Gods to your hurt.*

Here are the very Practices of our *High Flying* Party in this Nation, expreſly painted out —— They run about with Lying Words, crying High Church, High Church, High Church —— The Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord; but *they are but Lying Words*, for they carry on the Vile, Treacherous Deſign of the Church's Deſtruction, and aim at the Confuſion of the very Government and Temple they boaſt of, according to a late Ballad or Lampoon deſcribing them,

Pray for the Side they fight againſt,
And Curſe the Side they Swear to.

Let us now go on with the Parallel, from the Text aforeſaid; I'll make but one Remark more, and I'll have done Preaching, for it is none of my Province; *Behold ye truſt*

trust in Lying Words that cannot profit —— Will ye Steal, Murther, Commit Adultry, and Swear falsly, and burn Incense unto Baal, and walk after other Gods whom ye know not? And come and stand before me in this Place, which is call'd by my Name, and say we are deliver'd to do all these Abominations? Jer. cap. 7. 8, 9, 10.

This is such a Voice to the High Flyers of this Age, that I should wonder if they do not tremble when they read it —— See how it speaks, *Will ye* Rabble and Huzza, raise Mob and Tumult, *Swear falsly to* YOUR QUEEN, and *burn Incense* to your Idol, the PRETENDER, and walk after *French Tyranny* (other Gods) which ye know not —— And come and stand before God in his Protestant Congregations, *which are called by his Name*, and say, *we are deliver'd* (at the Revolution) *to work all these Abominations?*

Is not this a Thing that God himself plainly Paints out in this Prophecy, and speaks of in the Parallel, with the greatest Abhorrence —— And represents it as a Mark of an Amazing Impudence? And as it was then, so it is now, the People that Committed Murther, oppress'd the Fatherless, swore falsly, and walk'd after other Gods, yet away they went to the Altar, made a mighty shew of their Superlative Zeal for the outward Ceremonies, and cried out, The *Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord, the Temple of the Lord*, are these —— Just thus it is now, the People that Act all the Follies and Abominations, Rabbles, and Tumults, and Violences of the Age —— Are they not crying in our Streets High Church, High Church, High Church, are these? Are they not persuading the World, that they alone are for the Church? And that the Safety of the Church depends upon them? BUT will you be pleas'd to take the Advice of this Text, *viz. Trust not in Lying Words*, believe not a Word they say, *For Lying Words profit not.*

I'll end the Paraphrase, with a Charge God himself gave the Prophet *Jeremiah*, in the Case we have given an Instance of, in the 28th Verse of the same 7th Chapter — *But thou shalt say unto them —— This is a Nation that obeyeth not the Voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth Correction; Truth is Perish'd, and is cut off from their Mouth.*

I have done with my Parallel —— I I shall close this, with observing two Things.

1. That this Wicked Disguise of our Swearing Jacobites, who I call, *and I think justly*, Perjur'd Abjurers, is now a spreading Contagion; a Thing so unhappily Successful to the forwarding the publick Delusions, that generally speaking, the whole Body of Jacobites take the Abjuration, and yet remain profess'dly Jacobite, and in some parts of *Britain* where I have been, and where I now am, they press one another to this Practice, and say it is the only Way to serve their Prince, (*the Pretender*) and to carry on his Interest.

2. These People taking Oaths, and insinuating themselves into Trusts, Offices, and Profits in the Government, is the greatest Blow to the Revolution Interest in the World, and is indeed, a gradual putting the Nation into the Hand of the Pretender.

Let no Man terrifie me with Suggesting that in this, I Reproach the Elections of Parliament, the Changes of Ministry, and the like; God forbid any of these Traytors should creep in among those Great Bodies of Men, nor am I very uneasie, at the Apprehensions of it, if any should; being still of Opinion, as I have been all along, that whatever Hopes a Party may amuse themselves with, of the Success of the Pretender's Interest this Parliament in *England*, that Great Assembly, will make good what I have said — They will all be Whigs, *that is*, all pursue the Revolution, Support the Establishment, and uphold the Queen upon the Throne against *France* and the Pretender — And a very little time will discover this to us.

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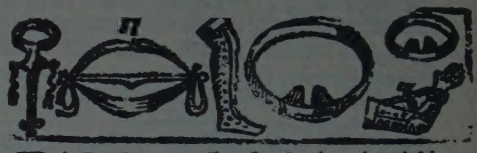

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